S.N.	Name of the project, location and company cooperative	Estimated capital cost (Rs. Crore)	Addl. Production envisaged		Zero date	Approved original date of commissioning	Remarks
			Product	Capacity (In Lakh MTPA)			
3.	Revamp of Namrup Plants of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd., (HFC), Namrup, Assam.	350.00	Urea	3.28	2.11.98	1.5.2001	

Total Estimated Capital Cost : Rs. 2242.38 crore
Total Urea : 13.03 lakh MTPA

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Manufacture of Methanol in India

1086. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual installed and actual average capacity of major manufacturers of Methanol in India during the recent years;

(b) whether these manufacturers have pleaded for increase in import duty on Methanol;

(c) if so, the details of the pleadings;

(d) whether Government have since acceded to the demand; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) Annual installed capacity of Methanol in the country is 3,86,000 MT. There are two major manufacturers of Methanol, namely M/s Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers Co. Ltd. and M/s Deepak Fertilizers & Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd, with installed capacities of 1,20,000 and 1,00,000 MT/year respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The request for increase in import duty on Methanol has been made by the manufacturers on account of higher cost of indigenous production and fall in international prices.

However, at the same time, the Government has also received representations from consumers of Methanol pointing out that this constitutes a basic building block and therefore, its availability at cheaper prices should be ensured. In the Union Budget for 1999-2000, the basic customs duty on Methanol remains unchanged at 25%.

Liabilities in respect of Dexamethason

1087. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of liabilities assessed in respect of Dexamethason against Merind and Cadila from April, 1979 till they implemented Government-fixed prices;

(b) whether liabilities against both the companies have not been fully assessed and they have been shown favouritism;

(c) what were the prices of bulk drugs adopted by them in the formulations at